

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

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24. (new) A modular laminate coating element for coating floors and walls, including three layers of non-metallic materials said three layers comprising a thermoformable plastic central

layer having a top face on which a woven or non-woven material top layer is arranged, said top layer having a top layer top surface comprising a woven or a non-woven material having smear resistant properties, said central layer having a bottom face coupled to a bottom face coupled to a bottom layer of a fabric material having a bottom suitable for coupling with a male coupling portion of tearable adhesive strip means, said top, central and bottom layers being hot coupled to one another, without using adhesive materials, and being die-cut and hot pressed to provide said top face of said central layer and said top layer surface of said top layer with surface projecting and recessed patterns, said tearable strip adhesive means allowing said tubular element to be coupled to a surface of a floor or wall or to like modular elements for coating said floor or wall.

25. (new) A modular laminate coating element according to claim 24, wherein said central layer comprises a closed cell foamed polyethylene layer coupled by a thermoforming process to said top and bottom layers.

26. (new) A modular laminate coating element according to claim 24, wherein said top layer comprises on said top surface thereof a woven and died wool felt.

27. (new) A method for making a three non metallic layer laminate element for coating floors and walls according to claim 24, comprising the steps of hot coupling three layers including a central layer of a thermoformable material, said central layer of a top face and bottom face, a top layer of a woven or a non-woven material said top layer having a top layer top surface and a bottom layer having a bottom layer bottom surface, thermoforming said three layers, simultaneously pressing, sealing and die cutting said hot coupled thermoformed layers by a contoured metal mold, thereby forming on said top face of said central layer and on said top surface of said top layer a plurality of projections and recesses and coupling to said bottom surface of said bottom layer tearable adhesive

strip means.

28. (new) A modular laminate coating element for coating floors and walls which consists essentially of three layers of non-metallic materials said three layers comprising a thermoformable plastic central layer having a top face on which a woven or non-woven material top layer is arranged, said top layer having a top layer top surface comprising a woven or a non-woven material having smear resistant properties, said central layer having a bottom face coupled to a bottom face coupled to a bottom layer of a fabric material having a bottom suitable for coupling with a male coupling portion of tearable adhesive strip means, said top, central and bottom layers being hot coupled to one another, without using adhesive materials, and being die-cut and hot pressed to provide said top face of said central layer and said top layer surface of said top layer with surface projecting and recessed patterns, said tearable strip adhesive means allowing said tubular element to be coupled to a surface of a floor or wall or to like modular elements for coating said floor or wall.